

this office is only one small part of her tremendous legacy.

Ms. Johnson became a PTA president at PS 133—a diverse elementary school in Harlem.

Ms. Johnson was a founding member of the Addie Mae Collins Head Start Program. This program has expanded education services for many students in the area and remains an invaluable resource.

Ms. Johnson was a vigorous advocate for social justice and demonstrated an unceasing devotion to fair and equitable living conditions.

As an enduring testament to her spirit and commitment, our NYC community came together one year ago and renamed East 130th Street and Lexington Avenue in her name.

Johnnie Mae Johnson brought persuasive leadership and unshakable determination to Harlem when it needed it most. And for that, I reason I rise today to recognize Ms. Johnson.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO TERESA HAAS

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to congratulate Teresa Haas on her retirement as Director of Government and Community Relations at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

Ms. Haas' career at SRS has spanned close to 28 years. Prior to SRS, she managed political campaigns and worked on Capitol Hill as chief of staff and legislative director for members of the U.S. Congress. Her service with U.S. Congressman Tommy Hartnett of Charleston will always be appreciated.

Ms. Haas is Chair of the Aiken County Commission on Higher Education; Past Chair of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (first woman chair); is a past member of the Aiken County United Way Campaign Cabinet; and former board member of the Aiken Center for the Arts. She is a member of Aiken's First Baptist Church and a graduate of Clemson University, where she serves on the Clemson Board of Visitors. Teresa and her husband Dale reside in Aiken. Godspeed for a productive and meaningful retirement.

#### IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF THOMAS LEWIS "TOMMY" THOMPSON, JR.

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Chief Thomas Lewis "Tommy" Thompson, Jr. on his retirement from public service with the Jacksonville Police Department.

Tommy began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Jacksonville Police Department under the command of Chief J. Ross Tipton in October 1971. In July of 1974, he earned his first promotion to Sergeant later rising to rank of Lieutenant in April of 1977.

In June of 1988, Tommy was appointed as Chief of Police at Jacksonville Police Department and has served in that role ever since.

Tommy is married to Diane and has two sons: Thomas L. Thompson, III and David R. Thompson. He has also been blessed with two grandchildren: Dylan Thompson and Baylee Thompson.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Chief Thompson and thanking him for his steadfast service to the City of Jacksonville.

#### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM (BILL) HILL, PIONEER RADIO DISC JOCKEY AND BLUES PROMOTER

#### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, when I came to Chicago in 1961, one of the first radio shows that I listened to was the Big Bill Hill's Shopping Bag Show on WOPA Radio. Being a native Arkansan, anything or anybody connected to Arkansas gets my attention and perks me up. Such has been the cause with Big Bill Hill, born in England, Arkansas.

True to form, Big Bill Hill was a big man, 250 lbs, and over 6 feet tall. He was born in England, Arkansas in 1914 and rolled into Chicago in 1932 looking for work. He found work at a steel mill, but he wanted to be on the radio. Nobody would hire him so he saved his money and bought air time on brokered stations. He started on WLDY-AM in Elmwood, and later WCRW-AM. He had his shtick down by the time he started his program "Shopping Bag Show" in 1995 on WOPA-AM in Oak Park.

WOPA-AM signed on in 1950. It's call letters the Oak Park Arms, a hotel on Oak Park Avenue, where their studio was originally installed. Their 250 watt signal was strongest on the west side of Chicago, and William Klein's Village Broadcasting Company wisely targeted those black demographics so the schedule was full of blues, jazz, R&B, and gospel. Most of their day was brokered time so it was also peppered with ethnic programming of every stripe. But 1490 was short spaced between WXRT-AM and WMOR-AM, so it was never going to have much juice. The solution in 1953 was 102.3 WOPA-AM. WMOR had gone bankrupt and they bought the license at 3,600 watts. This signal had solid Chicago coverage. Though FM listenership was low in the 50s, it grew steadily. Initially, the stations just simulcast all programming. But in 1966, the FCC mandated that FM simulcasts carry 50 percent originating programming. The brokered ethnic moved to the FM side, but Big Bill Hill remained simulcast in the evening, even after the station bumped the wattage up to 6,000 watts.

His career changed forever in 1963. He already owned a booking agency, a dry cleaner, a management company and he owned his own club, the Copa Cabana. Supposedly, he did remotes from all locations, even the dry cleaner. In 1967, it looked like it was all going to fall apart. WOPA was born again as a free form FM station full of underground music and hippies. His already floundering club, the Copa Cabana, closed. However, Bill defied all odds

and started a R&B TV dance show on WCIU-TV. The "Red Hot and Blues" show ran until 1971. It was overtaken by another R&B dance program . . . Soul Train.

#### MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

#### HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, this week is Malnutrition Awareness Week, a week when advocates, healthcare professionals, and communities around the country will focus on the issue of malnutrition and hunger. As the co-founder of the Elder Justice Caucus, and as a caregiver, I know how important proper nutrition is for aging Americans to stay healthy. Malnutrition can lead to greater risk of chronic disease, frailty, and increases in healthcare costs. Unfortunately, malnutrition often goes undiagnosed in seniors because healthcare providers and family members do not know how to identify and treat it. We can, and must, do more to protect vulnerable populations who suffer from malnutrition, and I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support efforts to reduce hunger and malnutrition. I also encourage the federal agencies tasked with combating hunger to do all they can to reduce malnutrition. I urge the Department of Health and Human Services to include malnutrition screening measures in their national health surveys of older adults, and to include malnutrition among the national key health indicators for older adults. Additionally, I am calling on the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture to work together to include dietary guidance for the prevention and treatment of older adult malnutrition in the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

I applaud the work of the advocates at Defeat Malnutrition Today, a coalition of eighty organizations and stakeholders who are committed to ending malnutrition through rigorous screening and intervention initiatives, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, an organization of food and nutrition professionals who are spearheading efforts to reduce hunger worldwide. Together, we can reduce malnutrition and strengthen outcomes for our senior population.

#### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLASSELL PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

#### HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Glassell Park Improvement Association ("GPIA") on their 50 years of continued leadership in and dedication to making Glassell Park the vibrant and prosperous community it is today.

Founded in 1968, the GPIA was established to promote community values and improve the quality of life for residents of Glassell Park, a neighborhood located north of Dodger Stadium in Northeast Los Angeles. Today, GPIA

is one of the oldest neighborhood improvement associations in the City of Los Angeles.

The GPIA is committed to safeguarding and enhancing the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in Glassell Park. Members of the GPIA serve their community by contributing their time and energy into planting trees, hosting community clean-ups, and leading beautification projects year-round. One of the GPIA's most noteworthy projects is the planting of a small pine. Since 1968, this pine has become a centerpiece of the community.

To that end, I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Glassell Park Improvement Association for their unwavering commitment to improving this wonderful community over the past 50 years.

RECOGNIZING THE VALLEY  
CHIEFS MINI-FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Valley Chiefs Mini-Football League as the organization celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

The Valley Chiefs Mini-Football League is an integral part of the Sugarloaf Valley community. Throughout the years, thousands of lives have been changed through participation in this program. With the goal of teaching children the value of sportsmanship, hard work, and dedication, this organization has impacted the lives of participants, parents, and volunteers alike.

As a father and former athlete, I know how influential youth sports are in childhood development and in shaping the future minds of our country. Today, as we recognize the founders, alumni, and current participants of the Valley Chiefs Mini-Football League, I am honored to represent such an organization in Congress. I know this program will continue to grow and be successful for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Valley Chiefs Mini-Football League and congratulate this organization on an incredible 50 years of service to the community.

CELEBRATING THE BETHEL  
CHURCH OF MORRISTOWN'S  
175TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Bethel Church of Morristown located in the Town of Morristown, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary.

In 1841, several families left the Presbyterian Church of Morristown to form the Bethel Mite Society, which was later incorporated as Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Morristown in 1843. Bethel's first Pastor was Bishop Willis Nazery, who was born a slave in 1803 in Isle of Wight County in Virginia. For eight years the congregation

met in each other's homes until funds were raised to construct the Carpenter Gothic church on Spring Street in 1849. Bethel's first building was dedicated with Bishop Paul Quinn officiating, assisted by Pastor Thomas Oliver.

Bethel served as the only school for Colored and Native American children in Morris County and needed to expand its facilities. In 1874, a new lot on Spring Street was purchased from John R. and Cornelia Piper for the sum of \$2,000. A new church was constructed at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Gifts from Mrs. Mary Anne Cobb of pews, doors and windows from the old Methodist Church, on the Morristown Green, helped in this great work. The existing house on the lot was moved next door and used as a parsonage. The church remained in that building for nearly 100 years.

Under the leadership of Pastor A. Lewis Williams, a ground breaking ceremony was held for a new church on August 12, 1967. The congregation worshipped in the Lafayette School auditorium for two and one half years until the construction of the church was completed. After numerous setbacks and financial difficulties, the present church was completed and dedicated November 8, 1970. Rev. A. Lewis Williams subsequently served as the Editor of the Christian Recorder from 1973 to 1976.

In 2010, Pastor Sidney Williams became the 51st pastor in the church's history. Prior to that, he served as a missionary with his family in Cape Town, South Africa. The church was not having the impact on the community that its members desired. To increase the impact on the community, Pastor Sidney Williams, with his wife Teresa, and the leadership team of Bethel discerned a new vision for community outreach, spiritual growth and evangelism. The church became more "community oriented" to serve both believers and unbelievers. Bethel Church was also working to transition from a small family church to a growing church with decentralized ministries, focusing on newcomers, small groups, and discipleship. The goal was to give people biblical truths that helped them Live the Mission.

In 2014, Bethel Church introduced a set of core values: prayer, love, and respect. These ideals serve to inspire Bethel Members to make its congregation the most loving and spirit filled congregation in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Bethel Church of Morristown, on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary.

HONORING PASTOR BOYD AND  
THE ZION UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and Pastor for his work with the Zion Unity Baptist Church in Indianapolis. Zion was started in 1972 upon the merger of two churches in Indianapolis, Indiana. The first pastor was Reverend Roy W. Beverly, Sr., who, in his senior years of life, selected Fredrick Boyd, Jr., to serve as associate pastor. In 1984 when Pastor Beverly died, the church called Fredrick Boyd, Jr. to be the pastor.

Under Pastor Boyd's leadership, Zion Unity began serving the community through outreach programs to the destitute and prison bound, focusing mainly on Good News Mission and the Indiana Women's Prison. Also, the church paid off its first mortgage on East 30th Street within nine months of Pastor Boyd's pastorate.

In 2004, Zion Unity Baptist Church moved to 3855-59 East 10th Street, purchasing two buildings. Pastor Boyd was instrumental in bringing some of the area churches together with the intent of unifying efforts to reach the community for Christ. The church continued its services through the Mission and prison, expanded its outreach to support over 20 missionaries throughout the world, and began evangelistic efforts in the local community.

In 2005, Zion Unity began a ministry to expose the fallacies connected to the Darwinian theory of evolution which undermines God's creation and the Holy Bible. Conferences which permitted scientists and ministers to examine this subject were organized and made available free to the public, as "Creation Evidence Expo". These conferences have been conducted annually in Indianapolis, in many cities throughout Indiana, ten other states, and in six countries. This work continues to be accomplished with a small congregation, other committed volunteers, and with limited resources.

Zion Unity Baptist Church achieved another milestone when on July 29, 2018, the mortgage for its current location was burned in a celebration attended by many friends from a variety of backgrounds: business, social agencies, Christian media, education, and government, as well as churches and ministerial service organizations.

The first and final word from Pastor Fredrick Boyd, Jr. and the members of Zion Unity Baptist Church, in full belief in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a commitment to His Word and the promises therein, is: "The best is yet to come!"

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF BETHEL GILEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 150th anniversary of Bethel Gilead Community Church in Bronson, Michigan.

After the end of the Civil War, Jacob Patch was commissioned to organize a church in Branch County, and in 1868, the Union Congregational Church of Gilead and Bethel began meeting in homes and schools.

In 1874, Luman Rose was commissioned as its first full-time minister, and in 1882, the church's first building was completed.

Over the years, many faithful pastors have served and led the church through a number of transformative events, including name changes, mergers with other congregations, a devastating fire, building expansions and improvements, and the development of local and worldwide ministries.

In 1996, Pastor Jim Erwin accepted Bethel Gilead's invitation to serve as pastor and is still faithfully shepherding the congregation.